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Application No. 10/055,645
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Before KRISTA ZELE, *Deputy Chief Appeals Administrator*
ZELE, *Deputy Chief Appeals Administrator*.

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 9, 2008. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the

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application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

EXAMINER'S ANSWER, MISSING SIGNATURES

An appeal conference is mandatory in all cases in which an acceptable appeal brief has been filed and a determination to move forward on appeal has been made. The participants of the appeal conference should include (1) the examiner charged with preparation of the examiner's answer, (2) a supervisory patent examiner (SPE), and (3) another examiner, known as a conferee, having sufficient experience to be of assistance in the consideration of the merits of the issues on appeal. On the examiner's answer, below the primary examiner's signature, the word "Conferees:" should be included, followed by the typed or printed names of the other two appeal conference participants. These two appeal conference participants must place their initials next to their name. The answer must also include the signature of a TC Director or designee to indicate that he or she approves any new grounds of rejection, if presented.

A review of the file finds that the examiner's answer mailed October 2, 2007 is missing either at least one typed/ printed name of the appeal

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conference participants and/or is missing at least one initial or signature to make the record clear the appeal conference was held in accordance with MPEP § 1207.01. Therefore, correction is required.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to obtain the necessary conferee signatures and/or TC Director signature (if necessary); and
- 2) for such further action as may be required.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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